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AMEND THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

In The Claims:

Amend claims 68, 74, 78, 81, 85, 86, 87, 89 and 90 as follows:

68. (Amended) A vector comprising a viral vector, a viral vector nucleic acid, or a nucleic acid construct that comprises a viral vector nucleic acid sequence, said vector, which when introduced into a target cell of interest, expresses an exogenous gene or exogenous nucleic acid sequences, wherein said viral vector nucleic acid comprises at least one non-deletion modification with a non-retroviral sequence, said non-deletion modification leading to [an alteration or enhancement] a reduction, inhibition or elimination of viral vector function.

74. (Amended) The vector of claim [73] 68, wherein said non-deletion modification comprises a substitution of a native sequence segment with a non-retroviral sequence segment, said non-retroviral sequence segment not being derived from [the sequence segments in said substitution are not related to] promoter/enhancer sequences of a retrovirus.

78. (Amended) The vector of claim 68, further comprising a segment of [said] a viral vector terminator or a segment of [said] a processing signal, or both a viral vector terminator and a segment of a processing signal.

81. (Amended) The vector of claim 69, wherein said one or more native or non-native promoter/enhancer regions are selected from the group of a regulatory portion of genes, said genes being selected from the group consisting of snRNA, tRNA, rRNA and a combination of any of the foregoing.

Claim 85, line 4, in the providing step, after "vector of claim" and before "; and" change "1" to -- 68 -- .

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86. (Amended) The process of claim 85, wherein either said providing step or said introducing step, the nucleic acid construct has been modified in a promoter/enhancer region.

87. (Amended) The process of claim 85, wherein either said providing step or said introducing step, the nucleic acid construct has been modified in a non-native promoter/enhancer region.

Claim 89, line 2, change the second word "modified" to -- introduced -- .

Claim 90, line 2, change the second word "modified" to -- introduced -- .

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